

**South Dakota**  
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**I. General Information**

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**II. State Delegation Meetings/Teleconferences**

*Date:* 12-13-06

*Outcome:* Conference Workgroup members are kept informed of activities in the respective departments and share information and possible collaborative activities. Additional people have been invited to participate.

**III. Emergency Planning Highlights**

**OUR REPORT:**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is in the final stages of development of a Disaster Plan that will be shared with adjustment training centers. The main body of the plan and the checklist that was developed are being shared with members of the Workgroup.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has a new staff person working on the Evacuation Annex and Mass Care/Human Services Housing Annex. This person will be meeting with the Departments of Social Services and Human Services in December to review the plans and gather recommendations. While at the Conference in June, workgroup members had some suggestions that will be passed along to the OEM Planner.

At the meeting there was some discussion regarding HIPPA regulations (confidentiality) and how local planners can reach out to people with disabilities and the elderly. It was shared that during the actual emergency, HIPPA regulations are waived in the interest of efficiency and timing. It was suggested that if local planners want to have a list of people with disabilities or the elderly who might require assistance during an emergency situation or evacuation, that it would need to be done on a voluntary basis. However, several resources for including people with disabilities and the elderly in the planning process could be provided (i.e. adjustment training centers, independent living centers, etc.) to local planners.

**IV. Emergency Preparedness Highlights****OUR REPORT:**

Information from the Conference was shared with the SD Council on Developmental Disabilities. The Council is interested in collaborative planning for materials to enhance the preparedness of people with developmental disabilities and families in the event of an emergency.

**V. Emergency Response Highlights****OUR REPORT:**

A Tabletop Exercise was conducted in late November related to Pandemic Flu. The Department of Health and Department of Public Safety cooperatively held the Exercise which included 4 scenarios. A report on the Exercise will be provided to the Workgroup at the next quarterly meeting.

Minnehaha County Emergency Planning and the State Department of Homeland Security are planning a training for February 2007 in Sioux Falls. More information will be shared with Workgroup members as it becomes available.

**VI. Emergency Recovery Highlights**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **VII. Next Steps**

### **OUR REPORT :**

Division of Developmental Disabilities Disaster Plan will be shared with the Workgroup members.

Workgroup members are asked to share information and resources that might be useful in the Council's efforts to inform agencies and people with disabilities about emergency preparedness.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2007.

## **VIII. Other**

Nothing to report at this time.